

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AGOSTON ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/644,387

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For: METHODS OF OBTAINING
2-METHOXYESTRADIOL OF HIGH
PURITY

Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: BADIO, B.

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

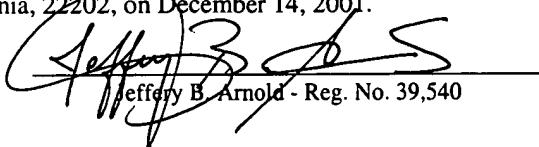
In response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination in view of the following remarks.

The Restriction Requirement

Applicants acknowledge that the restriction requirement has been made final. Further, Applicants understand that Claims 14-20 will be rejoined upon allowance of the elected claims.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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